## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicants resubmit herein the amendments to the claims to address the Examiner's specific criticisms set forth in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on August 19, 2005 and further stated in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on November 29, 2005. The amendments to the specification were submitted on September 8, 2005 and appear to have been accepted by the Examiner. As such, these amendments are not reiterated herein. Applicants submit that the present amendments are in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121. As such, the Examiner is referred to the response filed February 24, 2005 for Remarks/Arguments to the Official Action mailed September 29, 2004.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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